

504 – And it’s narrated from ‘Ā’isha (رضي الله عنها): “When the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) died, he was covered[Sujjiya] with a Yemeni mantle[Burd] that had some designs[Hibrah] on it.” Agreed upon.

Sharh of Shaykh al-‘Allāmah Sulaymān ibn Nāsir al-‘Alwān (حفظه الله):

This Hadīth is agreed upon over its authenticity, Imām al-Bukhārī (رحمه الله) said “It was narrated to us by Abū al-Yamān (رحمه الله), he said we were informed by Shu’ayb (رحمه الله) from al-Zuhri (رحمه الله) from Abī Salamāh (رحمه الله) from ‘Ā’isha (رضي الله عنها)”

And Imām Muslim (رحمه الله) said “It was narrated to us by Zuhayr ibn Harb (رحمه الله) & Hassan al-Halwānī (رحمه الله) & ‘Abd ibn Humayd (رحمه الله), ‘Abd (رحمه الله) said: “I was informed” and the other two said: “It was narrated to us by Ya’qūb ibn Ibrāhīm (رحمه الله), he said it was narrated to us by Ubayy (رحمه الله) from Sālih ibn Kaysān (رحمه الله) from al-Zuhri (رحمه الله) from Abī Salamāh ibn ‘Abdūl Rahmān (رحمه الله) from ‘Ā’isha (رضي الله عنها).”

‘Ā’isha’s saying: {Sujjiya}, al-Tasjiyyāh means al-Taghtiyyah [covering].

‘Ā’isha’s saying: {Bi-Burd}, The plural of “al-Burd” is Abrād and the singular of “al-Burd” is Burda, so the plural of Burda can be “Burd” & “Abrād”.

‘Ā’isha’s saying: {Hibrah}, it’s a description of “al-Burd”, and what’s intended by this, is that the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) was covered with a “Burd” and it is a type of clothing which is made & imported from al-Yemen which is similar to Cotton. It has been said that the colour of it is green, however the person who mentioned this didn’t provide any proof for this statement.

And we can benefit from this, the recommendation of covering the deceased, so that his ‘Awrah doesn’t show, and it’s permissible to cover him with something valuable, and if the statement of the one who said that this “Burd” is green in colour is proven, what we can benefit from this is the permissibility of covering [the dead] in any colour, and if this isn’t authentic, then the best thing [to use] is white, because it is the best kind of clothing, as it will shortly be mentioned inshā’Allāh.